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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2002, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-15, 38 and 39) drawn to a fusion protein comprising a soluble trimeric form and a portion of HIV gp41 are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicant hereby elects SEQ ID NO: 4 as the species. Claim 9 contains SEQ ID NO: 4 as a member of the Markush group of the claim.